



2012 BOARD GOALS

ADMINISTRATION

1. Legislative Mandate (AB 269, Chapter 107, Statutes of 2002) – Continue to ensure that enforcement takes precedence over all other licensing and regulatory functions.
2. Nursing Education Consultants (NECs) Recruitment & Retention – Continue to work with the DCA Office of Human Resources to develop creative alternatives to filling the vacant NEC positions.
3. Organizational Effectiveness – Enhance organizational effectiveness in all applicable areas through staff development and the utilization of new technology and equipment as the budget permits.
4. Performance Evaluation – Evaluate the Board's performance of its regulatory functions using targeted stakeholder surveys and feedback from health care, professional, consumer organizations, and the Legislative Sunset process.

EDUCATION

1. Director Forums – Continue presentation of statewide Director Forums to inform directors, faculty, and administrators of approved, pre-approved, and proposed vocational nursing and psychiatric technician programs of current statutes, regulations, and other critical issues impacting professional practice and the education of LVNs and PTs.
2. School Approval – Continue collaboration with program directors to evaluate and maintain VN and PT programs that comply with the VN and PT laws.
3. Program Performance Statistics – Advise directors on the development and implementation of strategies to improve student comprehension in VN and PT programs as evidenced by improved student achievement and improved program performance statistics on licensure examinations.

ENFORCEMENT

1. Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI) – Continue to implement the CPEI to streamline complaint intake, reorganize investigation resources, and reduce the average processing time frames for enforcement actions.
2. Enforcement Performance Measurement System – Continue to meet or exceed established targets in the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Enforcement Performance Measurement System for timely processing of enforcement cases.

3. Substance Abuse Coordination Committee (SACC), (SB 1441, Chapter 548, Statutes of 2008) – Implement the Uniform Standards Regarding Substance-Abusing Healing Arts Licensees established by the SACC.
4. Expert Witness Program – Expand the Board's Expert Witness Program by recruiting and training experts to review enforcement cases, provide quality expert opinions, and testify at administrative hearings regarding gross negligence or incompetence.

LICENSING

1. PT Licensure Examination – Continue the collaboration with the DCA Office of Professional Examination Services to develop a legally defensible and psychometrically sound licensure examination and implement a program to report first-timer passing scores.
2. VN Licensure Examination – Continue the collaboration with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc., to develop, implement, and evaluate the NCLEX/PN®.
3. Timely Issuance of Licenses – Continue timely issuing licenses to successful VN and PT applicants to assure entry into the workforce as soon as possible.

REGULATION

1. Implementation of CPEI – Complete the rulemaking process to adopt regulations to implement provisions of CPEI.
2. Uniform Standards Regarding Substance-Abusing Healing Arts Licensees and Disciplinary Guidelines – Complete the rulemaking process to adopt regulations to implement the Uniform Standards established by the SACC and revise the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines.
3. Mandatory Reporting Requirements (SB 539, Chapter 338, Statutes of 2011) – Adopt regulations to implement new mandatory reporting requirements for employers of licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) and psychiatric technicians (PTs) to also report resignation for cause, as defined, and for employment agencies or nursing registries to report to the Board the rejection from assignment of an LVN or PT.
4. AB 2699: Utilizing Health Care Practitioners Licensed in Another State During a State of Emergency – Adopt and implement regulations to allow for health care professionals licensed in other states to participate in volunteer, no-charge, health care events sponsored by local governments or nonprofits, serving uninsured and under-insured people. (Effective September 24, 2010 through January 1, 2014.)
5. SB 747: Continuing Education – Adopt and implement regulations effective January 1, 2013, requiring each licensee to complete one course of two to five hours in duration that provides instruction on cultural competency, sensitivity, and best practices for providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender patients every four (4) years.

6. Continuing Education (CE) – Adopt and implement regulations to improve the quality of CE courses and enhance the requirements.

AUTOMATION

1. Continue to support DCA in the development and implementation of BreEZe.

2/9/2012